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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Takayuki YAGI et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2881
Application No.: 09/819,672)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 3159
Filed: March 29, 2001)	
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For: ELECTRON OPTICAL SYSTEM ARRAY,)	
CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM EXPOSURE	:	September 2, 2004
APPARATUS USING THE SAME, AND)	
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD	:	

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 23, 2001, January 29, 2003, June 5, 2003, August 7, 2003, November 6, 2003, December 12, 2003, January 30, 2004, April 29, 2004, and July 29, 2004, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

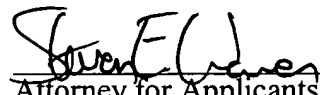
The listed document was cited during prosecution of copending U.S. patent application number 10/454,576, filed June 5, 2003, and published as U.S. publication number 2003/0209673 on November 13, 2003, a copy of which was previously submitted in this application.

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